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MULTIPLE PRINTER INPUT CHANNELS

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for favorable consideration of all pending claims in the above-identified patent application. However, Applicant hereby submits that the language of the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance is not consistent with the language of the allowed claims. For example, the Examiner in the Reasons For Allowance has recited language that is not recited in the allowed claims.

Applicants submit this Communication to note that Applicants do not agree that the claims are allowable for the reasons supplied by the Examiner. Rather, the language of the claims speak for themselves in defining the present invention. In fact, the pending claims must be "given the broadest reasonable interpretation consistent with the specification" in accordance with MPEP § 2111. Moreover, the courts have consistently held that reading limitations of the specification into a claim to thereby narrow the scope of the claim by implicitly adding disclosed limitations which have no express basis in the claim is impermissible. Thus, unless Applicant is

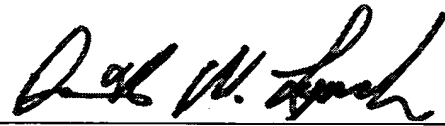
informed otherwise, it will be assumed that allowance of the pending claims is based on the claim language itself, rather than due to the specific terminology used by the Examiner.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicants, David W. Lynch, at 651-686-6633 Ext. 116.

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